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11. (SBU) Embassy Political section and LEGATT discussed the status of the Greek ratification process of the 2003 U.S.-EU Agreements on Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance with several contacts in the MFA and Ministry of Justice. Greek legal experts were of the opinion that the agreements to be ratified by the GQagreementsotocols in Washington i January 2006, but they had to be ratified by Parliament before taking effect. The protocols were currently with the Parliamentary standing committee on judicial affairs for review. Of particular interest to the committee were provisions of the agreements that might contradict certain elements of Greek law and/or the Constitution. The committee was examining ways to resolve these potential differences.

13. (SBU) Once the standing committee finished its work, the protocols would be returned to the Ministry of Justice and ratifying legislation would be prepared. The Ministry would then send this legislation to Parliament for approval. There was no indication when this process might be completed.
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